

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 166

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A RESOLUTION to confirm the appointment of Tom Midyett of Knoxville to the State Forestry Commission.

WHEREAS, Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 11-4-201, provides for the creation of a State Forestry Commission within the Department of Agriculture; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 11-4-201, further provides that the Governor shall appoint seven members to the commission; and

WHEREAS, Governor Bill Haslam has appointed Tom Midyett of Knoxville to the State Forestry Commission, as a representative of the pulp and paper industry, for a term that will expire on June 30, 2021; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Midyett has been active in forestry and the paper industry for twenty-five years; and

WHEREAS, after serving as the general counsel and director of administration for East Tennessee Natural Gas (ETNG) and then as manager of state government relations for ETNG's parent company, Tenneco, Inc., Mr. Midyett founded Southeastern Advocacy, a government relations, environmental, legal, and management consulting firm, in 1999; and

WHEREAS, since the inception of his company, one of his principal clients has been Packaging Corporation of America, which has its major paper manufacturing operation in Hardin County; and

WHEREAS, in 1998, Mr. Midyett played an instrumental role in the formation of the Tennessee Paper Council (TPC), a trade group representing all aspects of the State's paper industry; he has served many years as president of the TPC and, as such, serves as an ex officio member of the Board of Directors of the Tennessee Forestry Association; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Midyett is a person of integrity whose benevolence, acumen, and strong commitment to public service have helped to enhance the well-being of this State and its citizens; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 11-4-201, provides that each member appointed by the Governor to the State Forestry Commission shall be confirmed by Joint Resolution of the General Assembly; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED TENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby confirm the appointment of Tom Midyett to the State Forestry Commission for a term that will expire on June 30, 2021.